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Request concerning Application Serial No. 09/239,878 (i.e., Confirmation No. 6652) follows.

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# REQUEST THAT FINAL OFFICE ACTION BE MAILED WITH NEW MAILING DATE

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Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Ms. Toi Johnson left a voice-mail message with my colleague Dr. Mark Gatschet (phone no. 713-951-3309) on Friday, May 6, 2005. She noted in her message that a Final Office Action for application Serial No. 09/239,878 had been returned undelivered to the USPTO after having been mailed to:

Margaret A. Boulware Jenkens & Gilchrist 1100 Louisiana, Suite 1800 Houston, TX 77002

In response, my colleague Dr. Gatschet phoned Ms. Johnson's phone number (571-272-6601) several times between Friday, May 6, and Thursday, May 12, 2005. After having left several voice-mail messages for Ms. Johnson, Dr. Gatschet was at last able to connect with Ms. Johnson by telephone on Friday, May 13, 2005. He then discussed with her the address to which the Final Office Action should have been mailed (see also, attached correspondence sent by facsimile after this discussion by phone).

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The address to which the Final Office Action was mailed is outdated (and, in addition, Margaret A. Boulware, the addressee, left Jenkens & Gilchrist in February 2005). During the 2004 summer, the Houston Office of Jenkens & Gilchrist moved to:

> Jenkens & Gilchrist 5 Houston Center 1401 McKinney, Suite 2600 Houston, TX 77010

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On downloading the Final Office Action from the USPTO PAIR Portal yesterday (i.e., May 16, 2005), Dr. Gatschet realized that the Final Office Action was originally mailed Jan. 19, 2005. Through no fault of the Applicants, the two-month period, as well as the three-month shortened statutory period, for responding to the Final Office Action have expired.

### REQUEST

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Final Office Action be mailed again with a new mailing date in order to reset the two-month period, as well as the three-month shortened statutory period, for responding to the Final Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned representative welcomes a phone call at 713-951-3354 if any questions should arise concerning this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5/17/05

Daniel G. Nguyen, Reg. No.: 42,933

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MESSAGE •

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Margaret Boulware is no longer an attorney with Jenkens & Gilchrist. Please address correspondence for application serial no. 09/239,878 to my colleague Mark Gatschet at:

> Mark J. Gatschet, Ph.D. Jenkens & Gilchrist, P.C. 1401 McKinney, Suite 2600 Houston, TX 77010

If possible, please also note the name and contact information for the person whom we should contact in order to request that the deadline be tolled for responding to the misdirected Office Action. Please call my colleague Dr. Mark Gatschet at 713-951-3309 if any questions should arise concerning this application.

Thank you

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